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Fate's Heavy Hand

It is with a feeling of most profound sorrow that we are called upon to report the death this week of Dorothy, little daughter of Roy H. and Gertrude Hall of Wichita, and granddaughter of J. P. and Mrs. Hall, and Judge C. W. and Mrs. Ellis of this city. She was taken sick about ten days ago with pneumonia and from the beginning Drs. Donovan and Gilbert who attended her, realized that the case was critical, and from day to day hope alternated with fear, until Saturday morning, April 2nd, when the spirit took flight into the unknown "bourne from whence no traveler returns."

The child made a brave fight, and the parents and grandparents ministered to her comfort with all the power and love endowed upon a human soul but they were doomed to defeat, and when the end finally came—when the sweet, precious little one bade all good-bye—the scene was so crushing and yet so sublime that words fail to portray what bleeding hearts felt in that crisis.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. J. Spiers and Rev. W. T. Van Horn, and the body tenderly laid away in Highland cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by a very large crowd of sympathizing friends.

Music was furnished by a selected choir and the floral offerings were unusually beautiful and numerous.

Dorothy was born June 20, 1903; died April 2, 1910, aged 6 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Death is always sad, but this one is doubly so. She was the only child and grandchild in three families—the pride and joy and comfort of parents and grandparents alike, sweet and precious to them and countless friends, bright, witty and lovable and one of the Creator's purest gems. It is one of the unsolvable mysteries of life and death why one so promising should be taken away so soon but it is the way of the Omnipotent one himself and those whose hearts are so sorely wounded have still the consolation that there is no speculation as to the future, and we now think of little Dorothy as one of nature's rarest buds, still dampened with the dew of the morning transplanted Over There to blossom and to bloom forever.

Those of us who have shared a similar grief know how to feelingly sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Hall in their exceeding sorrow, and we would there were something to offer to bring to their burdened hearts a healing balm.

Arrested for Selling Whiskey

L. E. Springer was arrested on Saturday on information of County Attorney Field, verified by Mayor H. W. Skinner, charged with selling whiskey to four different parties on March 25th.

The day of the alleged sales there was a base ball game between the home team and the Kling boys and there was considerable drinking, and on Friday subpoenas were issued for ten of the Kling boys—Jimmie Adams, Ora Adams, Tim Clawson, Ben Goodsell, Ira Leddon, John Wells, J. W. Lefever, W. H. Baumgardner, Chas. Priest and Roy Massey. They reported at the county attorney's office on Saturday morning and several testified that they purchased whiskey of Mr. Springer on that day, after which he was arrested. His bond was fixed at \$1000 by District Clerk Crane, which he failed to give, and was committed to jail.

Mr. Springer denies very strongly having sold the liquor. He says that the men who testified against him stole whiskey out of his house, which he had for his private use, and demanded a warrant for their arrest.

If the defendant should be convicted on all of these counts the minimum penalty would be \$400 fine and 120 days in jail, to say nothing of what might happen if the government should find that he sold liquor without a license.

We would like to know what Judge Lester means by this "shot" at District Clerk Crane, which appeared in last week's Cresset.

"Rob. Crane is all right as clerk of the district court but short on political diplomacy, or we're a goat."

D. W. Stone Buys Fine Car

D. W. Stone purchased a fine Mitchell car from G. J. Southworth Monday evening. It is a six-cylinder, 4 passenger car, baby tonneau, wheel base 130 inches, 50-horse power with a speed rating of 75 miles an hour, and has the very best equipment that money can buy. This is without doubt one of the best cars in the Southwest and the only one of its rating that carries only four passengers.

Mr. Stone has gotten to the point where he wants speed and we believe he has every car owner in southern Kansas distanced. He is proud of the new motor and certainly has cause to be.

Mr. Southworth has a number of these cars on the road now and has them sold. The Mitchells seem to be the right kind.

A Lesson

"I'm going back to my farm," said a retired Kansas farmer who moved to town recently. "When I lived on the farm and came to town, the town men made a great fuss over me. During the campaigns, when the politicians were out over the country, they used to stop at my place and make me think I was one of the smartest and funniest men in the state. They would listen to suggestions with great attentiveness, and fairly kill themselves laughing at my jokes. Now when I meet them on the street they hardly speak to me. I haven't had a cigar given me since it became thoroughly known that I was off the farm. I can't tell a joke any more that will attract any attention. In fact, when I start in, the men begin to sneak away. It only serves to show how common are the men around town!"

One of the Best

Prof. W. D. Ross of Topeka, State Inspector of the Normal Training High Schools of Kansas, was here last week to make observations of the management and work in our High School in a general way, and particularly scrutinizing the Normal Training department which was added last September. Before his departure, Prof. Ross called at the Index office and complimented our High School very highly. He said it is one of the very best high schools in Kansas which is saying much. He spoke in great praise of Prof. Major and the entire faculty and did not conceal his surprise that a school in a town of this size should rank so high. His parting words were that Medicine Lodge and Barber county should feel proud of their high school.

County Clerk Ireland "Guessing"

County Clerk Ireland is wrestling with a problem. With him it is "To be or not to be—that is the question." Saturday morning's mail brought him a petition signed by fifteen republicans of Kiowa, and qualified by Wm. Gesner, informing him that he is a candidate for another nomination. He had not known that such a petition had been in circulation and therefore had a little surprise party all his own.

If he finally concludes to make the race it will be his third time. To date there is no other republican candidate and no democrat has yet signified his intention of serving his country.

Since the new tax law went into effect the county clerk has more work than any of them and there seems to be a tendency to "fight shy" of the office.

Happily Wedded

HUDSON-MUSGROVE: James A. Hudson and Arizona Musgrove of this city were joined in the ties of wedlock at 9 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, March 29th, at the office of Probate Judge Garrison by His Honor, in his usual dignified and impressive manner.

The groom is a teamster and an industrious, upright young man. The bride has been staying with V. S. Cook and family during the winter and spring and is a young lady altogether worthy of the love of a good husband.

The Index congratulates this happy and deserving couple.

J. W. Thompson came down from Wichita yesterday to visit with the folks. He is now foreman of the Eagle "ad" rooms, is looking and doing well and enjoying life. He will return home today.

Brutal—If True

County Attorney Field and J. N. Tinchler were called to Kiowa on Tuesday of last week—the former to prosecute and the latter to defend W. W. Wilhite who is charged with having committed an unmentionable crime on Eula Harrison, a little girl about six years old.

Wilhite waived preliminary examination and was brought to jail by Sheriff Mathews on Wednesday.

The prisoner stands accused of having had criminal relations with the child for about a week, but the specific charge to which he is held to answer, is an assault committed Saturday evening prior to his arrest. The little girl's parents were out of town at the time and she was staying at a neighbor's house. Wilhite lived next door to the house the child was staying and induced her to come over to his room. He gave her candy, apples and oranges, according to the child's story, and in that way got her confidence.

The child was examined by Kiowa physicians and they report only slight injuries.

It is wrong to pass judgment in a case of this kind before the accused has had a fair trial, but if the little girl's story is true, it is putting it mildly to say that this man, who is past the three-score milestone, is wholly unfit to mingle with civilized people and would deserve to serve the balance of his days behind prison bars.

Too Far to Water

J. B. Brown, of Miami, Texas, was an Alva visitor Monday. Mr. Brown is a son of Uncle Billy Brown, who was a prominent citizen of Barber county, Kansas, east of Sharon, 20 years ago. J. B. lived in the neighborhood of Byron, in the old Woods county, for many years, but has lived in Miami the past five years. Miami is situated on the Panhandle division of the Santa Fe, in a beautiful valley at the foot of what was formerly known as the Staked Plains. J. B. tells an amusing incident that he witnessed on a Santa Fe train as he was crossing the Plains some years ago. Besides Mr. Brown, there were a number of Kentuckians who were "seeing" the country, and a young lady who had spent some years in the panhandle.

The Kentuckians were much interested in the strange country about them and kept Mr. Brown and the young lady busy answering their questions. Finally Mr. Brown, with a view to interesting the Kentuckians some more, said to the young lady, "how far do you haul your water?" "Oh," she said, "about a mile and a half." "You ought to dig a well," said one of the gentlemen. "How deep is it to water?" "Just about the same distance," said the young lady. Mr. Brown did not report the rest of the conversation, but we presume that the Kentuckians hiked it back to old Kentucky where good spring water abounds.—Alva Record.

Broke an Ankle

While returning home from this city on Monday evening of last week, W. A. Newkirk, J. B. Harbaugh and Clarence Martin, of the Gerlane vicinity, had an exciting runaway. Mr. Newkirk was not hurt, but Mr. Martin sustained a broken ankle and Mr. Harbaugh a sprained limb. The team belonged to Mr. Newkirk. He had bought the team recently and was not acquainted with it. The horses took fright at Waldron Chase's automobile which they met near the Crouse ranch six miles south of town. The wagon was overturned in turning a corner, the team going on a hard run and beyond the control of the driver. When the wagon upset the team became freed.

Dr. Coleman was called to "patch up" Mr. Martin and he will soon be able to attend to business but will not be able to do manual labor for awhile.

Things are bright and cheery around the district clerk's office this week on account of the arrival of a beautiful little lady at District Clerk Crane's home early yesterday morning. Dr. Gilbert in attendance. "Bob" is handing out the cigars with the distinct understanding that they are not for campaign purposes.

Why the Fords Lead



There are two reasons why more Ford cars are selling than all other machines combined. One reason is that the Ford people have put the price down to a point within the reach of all and a Model T. can be purchased for \$350 to \$700 less than inferior cars of like size and capacity of other makes sell. The other and more important reason is that the Fords can be operated more cheaply and are better adapted to this country. C. N. Marshall, who is handling the Ford cars, has kept close account of the cost of maintaining and operating every car he has sold in Barber county and he finds the natural expenses, barring accident caused by reckless driving, average as follows:

Cost of operation, including gasoline, oil, carbide and repairs, one cent per mile.

Average cost per month (ordinary travel) \$2.90.

From observations thus far made the different items constituting a year's expense of maintaining and operating a car, ordinary use by careful drivers, are in figures as follows:

Gasoline.....\$18.50
Oil.....11.00
Carbide and other expense...5.40

Total.....\$34.80

Some are higher and some are lower, of course, depending on the miles traveled and the ability of the owner to handle the car, but this is a fair average.

No heavy car can show such a good record for the simple reason that the roads of this country are too rough. Then there is the additional weight which requires more power and therefore more gasoline and oil.

Join the procession—buy a Ford from C. N. Marshall today. He has the car right here—you don't have to wait 30, 60 or 90 days to have an order filled.

Will Take Census

J. U. Brown of Hutchinson, supervisor of the census for the 7th congressional district, made public the names of the successful applicants last Wednesday. There are 214 of them in the district. Barber county's lucky ones are as follows:

August Schmidt, Medicine Lodge city; W. L. Bragg, Medicine Lodge and Nippawalla townships; P. L. Lake, Sharon city and township; C. A. Hyatt, Hazelton city and township; H. S. Cushman, Kiowa city and township; W. G. Osborn, Mingona and Eagle townships; Louis, Frame Elm Mills, McAdoo, Valley and Turkey Creek townships; J. Wortie Bibb, Sun City, Lake City and Deerhead townships; P. D. Lake, Moore, Elwood and Aetna townships.

The enumeration will begin April 15th. It was supposed when the applications were made that the enumerators were to be paid \$6 per day for the time actually employed, not to exceed thirty days, but we are informed that the ruling is that the fees will be governed by the population of each district. If this is correct, the enumerators in the districts with sparse population and large territory will be poorly compensated.

Of the list above published, Messrs. Bragg, Osborn and Frame were enumerators ten years ago and were not required to rake the examination this year.

Concerning Dumping Grounds

All parties who dump refuse matter on the dumping grounds on my place, provided for by the city, will be required to pay a fee of ten cents per dump. Haulers will be expected to pay this fee and collect from parties who have the hauling done.

Parties who dump carcasses or other decaying matter will be prosecuted. Someone dumped dead animals last week, and I desire to notify all that this will not be tolerated.

THOS. CARTER.

Try Cementide to beautify as well as make your walls damp proof. Dwight Mills has a nice variety of colors in these paints.

Another Pioneer Gone

Benjamin Lasswell died at his home in this city at 12:35 p. m., on Sunday, April 3, 1910, after an affliction of lung trouble covering a period of more than fifteen years. During the past several years his condition was so bad that only his indomitable will power sustained life, having been many times near death's door.

The funeral services were held at the Christian church at Sharon, Tuesday, April 5th, at 1 o'clock p. m., conducted by Elder S. E. Hendrickson, pastor of the Christian Church at Sharon, and the remains interred in the Sharon cemetery. The funeral was largely attended, the deceased having a wide acquaintance.

Benjamin Lasswell was born in Pike county, Indiana, March 24, 1836; died in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, April 3, 1910, aged 74 years and 9 days.

At the age of 21 years he removed from Indiana to Iowa where he was married October 26, 1863, to Caroline Snodgrass. Twelve children—seven sons and five daughters—were born to the union, eight of whom with the wife and mother survive him. The surviving sons and daughters are Joseph E. Lasswell and Mrs. Anna M. Bowman, of Lasswell; Mrs. Emma C. Bell, of Sharon; Allen B. and Jesse P. Lasswell of Midway, Texas; Mrs. Mary B. Garrison, of Cherokee, Oklahoma; and Benjamin B. Lasswell of this city. The deceased are John H., William and Sarah E. Lasswell and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bonnell.

One son, James M. Lasswell, cannot be located. He was last heard from at Honolulu. Mr. Lasswell came with his family from Iowa to Barber county, Kansas, in the fall of 1883, and resided on one of his farms in Sharon township until about six years ago when he retired from the farm and moved to this city. During his long residence in the county he was known as a man of a strong personality, a shrewd and successful man in business, a cordial neighbor and citizen yet uncompromising in his convictions. He had amassed a small fortune, leaving three good farms and other property to his family.

"Uncle Ben," as he was familiarly known, was a man among men, respected by all who knew him and honored for his countless good deeds. He bore his afflictions uncomplainingly and was not afraid of death. The widowed wife and the sons and daughters have the sympathy of their numerous friends in the parting. The mayor and council met in regular session Monday night and allowed the monthly bills amounting to \$503.47. The salary of J. B. Stockstill, street commissioner and water superintendent, was raised from \$50 to \$60 per month. We are told that Judge Garrison interceded for J. B. but the Judge refuses to either confirm or deny the report.

Bert Couter, who works at Johnson Bros., barn had the misfortune to accidentally shoot himself through the foot Monday evening with a 38 caliber revolver. He was showing the gun to Andrew Boatman in a prospective trade and it was accidentally discharged. Mr. Couter is being treated by Dr. Gilbert at the Central hotel.

The annual school meeting of the city and district will be held at the school house Friday afternoon, April 8th. It is rarely the case that school meetings are attended by more people than the board and two or three others and we presume it will be so this year. The term of T. L. Lindley, president of the board, expires this year and without doubt he will be forced to serve again.

Cleanup Day

Wednesday, April 13th, has been designated as general cleanup day. On that day Street Commissioner Stockstill will have a force of men and teams out to clean up all the streets and alleys, by order of the mayor and council, and it is recommended that all property owners join and clean up their lots and premises at the same time. In this way the expense to individual property owners will be light.

Everybody remember the date and be ready to help.

Found, a lady's scarf, near Canema school house. Phone 1324 and pay 15 cents for this adv.

J. F. Hall and wife of Kiowa attended the funeral of their grandniece, Dorothy Hall, on Monday.

Guilford Davis went to Muskogee, Oklahoma on Tuesday of last week to visit a week or ten days with Otis Lorton and family.

Mrs. L. A. Eby took quite sick last Wednesday and the sickness has developed into typhoid fever. She is getting along as well as a case of this kind usually does, in the first stages.

L. D. Sparks and wife, Mrs. Jas. Dobbs and Mrs. Arthur Alexander of Wichita attended the funeral of little Dorothy Hall in this city on Monday. Mr. Sparks returned home yesterday.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association will have a very important meeting at their rooms next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Election of officers and other pressing business is to be disposed of and all members are urged to attend.

George Groendyke, son of A. T. Groendyke and wife who live seven miles south of this city, has been ill with pneumonia the past week but is much better this week. Dr. Coleman is attending him.

A very humorous incident occurred at the Pleasant Valley Sunday school Sunday. A large Plymouth Rock hen stalked boldly into the room and cackled. Perhaps she thought the school wasn't onto the fact that it was Easter Sunday and wished to remind them of it. The officers didn't thank her for the reminder, however, and summarily dismissed her.—Atica Independent.

Harry Clement, son of W. S. Clement of this township, departed last week for Holly, Colorado, where he owns 1000 acres of land. He bought this land last summer and has concluded to take personal charge of it and develop it. Later in the season his father and Mrs. Clement will take a trip out to visit him and it is probable that they will also decide to locate there. The Clement family have lived in Barber county a long time and our people dislike to hear of their leaving.

The Index is again requested to protest against the chicken nuisance. Several have reported that their yards and gardens have been badly damaged during the past week by neighbors' chickens. A man can't claim to be a good, law abiding citizen so long as he permits his chickens to annoy his neighbors, and a city that passively tolerates it is shirking a duty. Medicine Lodge is one of the few towns in Kansas that refuses to take notice of the chicken nuisance.

The "Tackie Partie" given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at their hall Monday night was a jolly, interesting and unique affair. The gentlemen's prize for the most "tacky" appearance was awarded to Allen Herr, and the lady's prize to Nannie Garten. The prize in each case was an excellent cake. A nice program was rendered and ice cream, cake and coffee were served. A large crowd attended and there was merriment galore.

S. S. Alexander announces his candidacy in the Kingman Journal, for the democratic nomination for county attorney of Kingman county. Mr. Alexander entered the law practice in this city, moving to Kingman a few years later. In addition to a good High School education, he is a graduate from the law department of the State University and is one of Kingman's leading lawyers. Here's hoping for his nomination and election.

Jefferson K. Wilson and wife of Medford, Oklahoma, are the proud and happy parents of a nice little daughter born last Wednesday, March 30th. "Grandpa" S. P. Wilson of this city received the glad news on Friday, after his return from Kansas City, and was elated. Jeff's fortune is in the ascendancy all the time. He has just been promoted to the general office of the Stewart Lumber Company at Wichita and will move there in a few weeks. His Medicine Lodge friends send congratulations on his double fortune.

Car Load

Nice Colorado Potatoes, 65c per bushel. Fair & Trice.